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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up at least one self-group in each of the 14 lakh villages in the country during the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages in which self-help groups are functioning presently, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any survey to get some facts relating to the already existing self-help groups;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether such groups require more financing and training to function productively;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (h): In the National Conference on the SHG movement and the SGSY held on 23rd & 24th June 2001 at the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad , it was resolved to form at least one self-help group in each habitation by 2004. There are currently 1422664 habitation as estimated. The Ministry does not monitor the number of self-help groups functioning. Functioning of SHG is monitored by the Ministry through monthly periodical reports and annual report from States/UTs. Number of self-help groups, State- wise, formed passed Grade I & II and assisted for economic activities since inception of the SGSY are indicated in Annexure. Provisions for training and financing are inbuilt in the Programme itself. Under the scheme 10% of the allocation is set aside as Training Fund which can be used to provide basic orientation as well as skill upgradation training. Financing of groups consists of credit from Banks and subsidy under the scheme. 60% of the allocation can be used for sanction of subsidy to Swarozgaris for economic activities.